

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 498

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Wayne County Dixie Youth Darlings softball team upon winning the District and State Championships and second place in the World Series.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful young athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of Tennesseans is the 7-8 Dixie Youth Darlings softball team of Wayne County, who experienced an extraordinary level of success this season; and

WHEREAS, after winning the District Championship over Summertown, the exemplary team dominated the State Tournament to gain the prestigious title of State Champions with a 9–2 win over Decatur County and advance to the World Series in West Monroe, Louisiana, to proudly represent the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, despite their display of determination and athleticism, the team fell to South Carolina in the finals, thus achieving a second place finish in the World Series; and

WHEREAS, during their miraculous season they achieved an outstanding record and outscored their opponents 133 to 28; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of this successful team include: Sarah Blackwell, Isabella Staggs, Blair Baugus, Emma Bryant, Madison Jones, Ella VanFleet, Jac Keaton, Isabel Luedeke, Kenzie Griggs, Raegan Crews, Rosalee Martin, and Gracie Staggs; and

WHEREAS, the talents and abilities of these outstanding athletes have been nurtured, strengthened, refined, and now relished by their management team, which includes coaches Ryan Keaton, Jerrod Baugus, Jason Crews, Brandon Staggs, and Jeremy Bryant; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and character, both individually and collectively, the Wayne County Darlings players and coaches conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Wayne County Darlings softball team displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for athletic excellence and championship laurels, and it is wholly fitting that they should be commended for attaining their lofty goals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the players and coaches of the Wayne County Dixie Youth Darlings softball team as State Champions and World Series runners-up. We applaud their success and extend our best wishes to each of them for continued success in their future endeavors as athletes, scholars, and citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy